

# City of Goodyear INFOCUS

April 2007

*Connecting You with Your City*

## Goodyear Lakeside Symphony Pops Concert April 14 Lights! Camera! Action!

Celebrate the music of motion pictures, featuring the Phoenix Symphony! Pack a picnic, bring a blanket, and enjoy an evening of classical and popular music under a canopy of stars. This year's theme, "Lights, Camera, Action" celebrates motion picture scores and includes the theme songs from movies like E.T., Out of Africa, Pocahontas, Snow White, and many more favorites. This family-friendly event promises fun for all ages: a children's arts and crafts area, delectable cuisine, a breathtaking lakeside setting, and a spectacular fireworks finale!

Gates open at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at the Lakeside Amphitheatre at Estrella, 10300 S. Estrella Parkway. Admission is \$20 for adults, \$15 for students and \$5 for children 10 and under. VIP seating is available for \$125 which includes hors d'oeuvres, special seating and a catered dinner.

The concert is presented by the West Valley Arts Council in partnership with Newland Communities and sponsored by the City of Goodyear with support from Heds Publishing, Engle Homes and Rosewood Homes.

For more information, call the West Valley Arts Council at 623-935-6384. For tickets, visit [www.wvac.org](http://www.wvac.org) and click on SHOWUPTIX.

Look at What's Inside





# Brave Goodyear Police Officers Decorated by Sheriff's Office

Seven Goodyear police officers made history recently by being the first members of another agency to be honored by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) for their selfless help quelling a serious County incident. At the MCSO's 31st Annual Awards Ceremony on March 28th, four Medals of Valor and three Silver Stars were given to members of the Goodyear Police Department.

The awards were the result of a high risk search warrant the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office was serving in early October 2006 in the County. Goodyear Special Assignment Unit (SAU) personnel were asked to assist the MCSO SWAT team on a search warrant. During the serving of the warrant, the suspect, armed with an automatic weapon, shot MCSO Sgt. Glen Powe several times, severely injuring him. Several Goodyear SAU members were in the backyard holding the perimeter and threw a diversionary "flashbang" device through a back bedroom window to distract The suspect. Other Goodyear officers then risked their own lives by immediately providing aid to Sgt. Powe and pulling him from the danger zone to safety.

The Medal of Valor, the highest award for individuals who distinguish themselves by bravery or heroism above and beyond the normal demands of duty, was given to Sgt. Jason Seabright and Officers Mark Moncada, Ryan Konings and Chris Mott. Three Silver Stars for bravery were also presented to Sgt. Deron Miller and Officers Jason DeHaan and Chad Waltz.

The City of Goodyear is extremely proud of these dedicated and courageous officers and congratulates them on their decorations. Sgt. Powe is recovering from his wounds. He and his family are Goodyear residents. 🏠

## It's Survey Time! Let Us Know How We're Doing

Every other year, via a telephone survey, the City of Goodyear asks you, our residents, to rate our basic services and programs and asks your opinion about other issues facing the city. These surveys are very important because your answers help guide future policy of the City.



The 2007 survey will be conducted this May by Behavior Research among 400 randomly selected Goodyear telephone numbers. Each interview will last about 15 minutes. We realize that all of you are very busy, but if you should be one of the 400 households called, we ask that you take the time to speak with the interviewer.

City officials really need to know what you think of the quality of our current services, what other services, programs and facilities you feel are needed and on what programs or projects you would like to see us spend more or less money.

Surveys are a way for us to hear from the silent majority – and that's important! So, please, if you are called, take 15 minutes to answer all the questions and help guide the future of your City. Your opinion matters! 🏠



# College Campus Visits

*From the Mayor*

## Reinforce Benefits of Their Presence

With private universities making plans to come to Goodyear's future downtown, Goodyear representatives took the opportunity recently to learn more about the character and culture of our future educational partners by visiting the campuses of Franklin Pierce University in rural Rindge, New Hampshire and the University of the Incarnate Word (UIW) near the heart of downtown San Antonio. The visits reinforced our expectations – that

Goodyear has attracted institutions exuding quality and class that will provide highly individualized education and offer an educational diversity needed in our state.

Our visits vividly demonstrated that each college will bring its own unique character and qualities to our City

Center. Franklin Pierce students enjoy a small, intimate campus on 30 of its 1200 rural acres surrounding Pearly Pond. All of its 1704 students live on the campus and pursue their coursework under the close mentorship of faculty at a ratio of 16-to-1. The university promotes a civic-minded student with programming that encourages students to work closely with nearby communities on public service projects.

In contrast, UIW is a somewhat larger school with a Catholic affiliation and more commuter students. UIW's students attend school on an urban campus reflecting night lights of San Antonio. Students enjoy a new facility for pharmacy studies and a natatorium for swimming. UIW has a unique, "Program with the Brainpower Connection," which includes all-boy and all-girl private high schools. As part of its Goodyear outreach, Incarnate Word is working closely with St. Thomas Aquinas in Avondale to develop all-girls and all-boys high schools with some shared facilities.

Despite differences in size and campus cultures, both institutions have many similarities, such as plans to offer courses in Goodyear primarily related to business and health fields such as accounting management, physical therapy, nursing and pharmacology. Both universities will begin their course offerings here with extended adult programs that include online courses and "blended" coursework of online and traditional classroom studies.

Both UIW and Franklin Pierce have a strong focus on international studies. At UIW, students are told "The Universe is Yours," and Incarnate Word backs up this belief with programming. Students have the opportunity to participate in study abroad in more than 70 countries. UIW is forming a nursing school in Monterrey, Mexico.

Franklin Pierce, the first school to offer a Master's Degree in Business Administration in the Ukraine, offers a very unique "Walk Across Europe Program," allowing its students to choose their own route and spend a semester walking through Europe.

The importance of bringing such quality, private schools to Goodyear cannot be overestimated. Besides affording the City the remarkable opportunity to share facilities such as a library, performing arts center and the spring training recreational campus, these fine institutions will lend a vibrancy and cultural texture to our future downtown that will help shape the fabric of our community forever. 🌟



The Mayor visits the University of the Incarnate Word. Pictured from left to right: Jack Rose, Marty Wender, UIW President Louis Agnese, Mayor James Cavanaugh, Henry Cisneros and Raul Rodriguez.



# Here to Play Ball!

## Adult Sports Leagues



The adult sports program offered by the City of Goodyear Recreation Department provides excellent recreational opportunities. The emphasis is on healthy competition in a recreational atmosphere. Our volleyball and softball leagues are organized, conducted and administered by professional staff with experience in league formation and equal competition standards with efforts to offer the best recreational experience possible.

Adult sports leagues require team rosters to be complete, including signatures of all team members and the manager, before registration can be accepted. If rosters are not completed, Priority 4 payment will need to be submitted with rosters when registering. Rosters can be downloaded at [www.goodyearaz.gov/rec](http://www.goodyearaz.gov/rec).

A player free agent list is available for individuals seeking to play on a team.

For more information, visit [goodyearaz.gov/rec](http://goodyearaz.gov/rec) or call 623-882-7536.

### Adult Softball

#### Leagues

Mondays – Men's 'D' doubleheader  
 Fridays and Sundays – Men's '40+' doubleheader  
 Tuesdays – Men's 'D' doubleheader league  
 Tuesdays and Thursdays – Women's 'D' doubleheader  
 Wednesdays – Men's 'D' doubleheader  
 Thursdays – Men's 'C' doubleheader  
 Fridays – Adult 'Co-Rec' doubleheader  
 Sundays – Adult 'Co-Rec' doubleheader

#### Dates

June 10 - August 17, 2007

#### Times and Locations

All games start at 6 p.m. except Sunday which are at 5 p.m. at Goodyear Community Park, 3151 N. Litchfield Rd. and/or Bullard Park, 15050 W. Indian School Rd.

#### Prices

Priority 1 - 100% of team are Goodyear residents - \$350  
 Priority 2 - 75% Goodyear residents - \$375  
 Priority 3 - 50% Goodyear residents - \$400  
 Priority 4 - All other teams - \$425

#### Registration

Priority 1: May 12, 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
 Priority 2: May 12, 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.  
 Priority 3: May 12, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
 Priority 4: May 12, 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
 Registration is held at Goodyear Public Works, 200 S. Calle del Pueblo, and continues through May 25, 2007. Leagues are open until filled.



### Adult Volleyball

#### Dates

Recreational league: June 5 - July 31, 2007  
 Competitive league: June 7 - August 2, 2007

#### Times and Location

Games start at 6 p.m. at Goodyear Community Park, 3151 N. Litchfield Rd.

#### Prices

Prices include officials, trophies, shirts, equipment, field supervisor, lights and maintenance.

Priority 1 - 100% of team are Goodyear residents - \$200  
 Priority 2 - 75% Goodyear residents - \$220  
 Priority 3 - 50% Goodyear residents - \$240  
 Priority 4 - All other teams - \$260

#### Registration

Registration is held at Goodyear Public Works, 200 S. Calle del Pueblo, and continues through May 25, 2007. Leagues are open until filled.  
 Priority 1: April 30, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Priority 2: May 1, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Priority 3: May 2, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Priority 4: May 3, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# Just for Fun!

## Special Interest Classes are Fun and Informative

### Babysitting

This community education and safety program by Cross' Lifeline Emergency Training covers child safety and basic care techniques for infants and children. This course provides fundamental information for home, childcare workers or babysitters. Topics include pediatric CPR and first aid, feeding, burping and diapering. Participants will receive a workbook along with a certification card good for two years.

Date: Saturday, May 19, 2007, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Ages: 10 to 18 years old

Location: Goodyear Community Center, 420 E. Loma Linda Blvd.

Prices: Resident - \$50, Non-resident - \$55

Registration is at Goodyear Public Works Recreation Division, 200 S. Calle Del Pueblo, or at the City of Goodyear website, [www.goodyearaz.gov/rec](http://www.goodyearaz.gov/rec) through May 17. 🌧



### CPR

This class taught by the Goodyear Fire Department provides comprehensive understanding of the skills necessary to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in an emergency situation until professional help arrives. Instruction will include CPR for adults, children and infants, external defibrillator (AED) training and how to respond to a choking adult, child or infant. Participants will receive a two-year certification after successful completion of this course.

This class is for the general public and does not meet requirements for the health care professional.

Date: Saturday, May 12, 2007, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Ages: 14 and up

Location: Goodyear Community Center, 420 E. Loma Linda Blvd.

Prices: Resident - \$35, Non-resident - \$40

Registration is at Goodyear Public Works Recreation Division, 200 S. Calle Del Pueblo, or at the City of Goodyear website, [www.goodyearaz.gov/rec](http://www.goodyearaz.gov/rec) through May 10. 🌧



### Parent/Tot Music Time

This program presented by the City of Goodyear Recreation Department and Phoenix Conservatory of Music is a fun, interactive way for families to bring music into their home. Each child and caregiver duo will learn how to play together in ways that will enhance the child's musical and general development. Learn new songs and games and play music on child friendly instruments. For more information, call 623-882-7532.

Dates: Fridays, April 20 - May 25, 2007, 10 to 11 a.m.

Ages: 6 months to 4 years old

Location: Goodyear Community Center, 420 E. Loma Linda Blvd.

Prices: Resident - \$71, Non-resident - \$76

Registration is at Goodyear Public Works Recreation Division, 200 S. Calle Del Pueblo, or at the City of Goodyear website, [www.goodyearaz.gov/rec](http://www.goodyearaz.gov/rec) through April 19. 🌧





# City Approves Sonoran Valley Annexation



On March 26th, the City Council approved the annexation of 67 square miles (42,780 acres) of land south of Patterson Road encompassing the unincorporated area of Mobile, AZ.

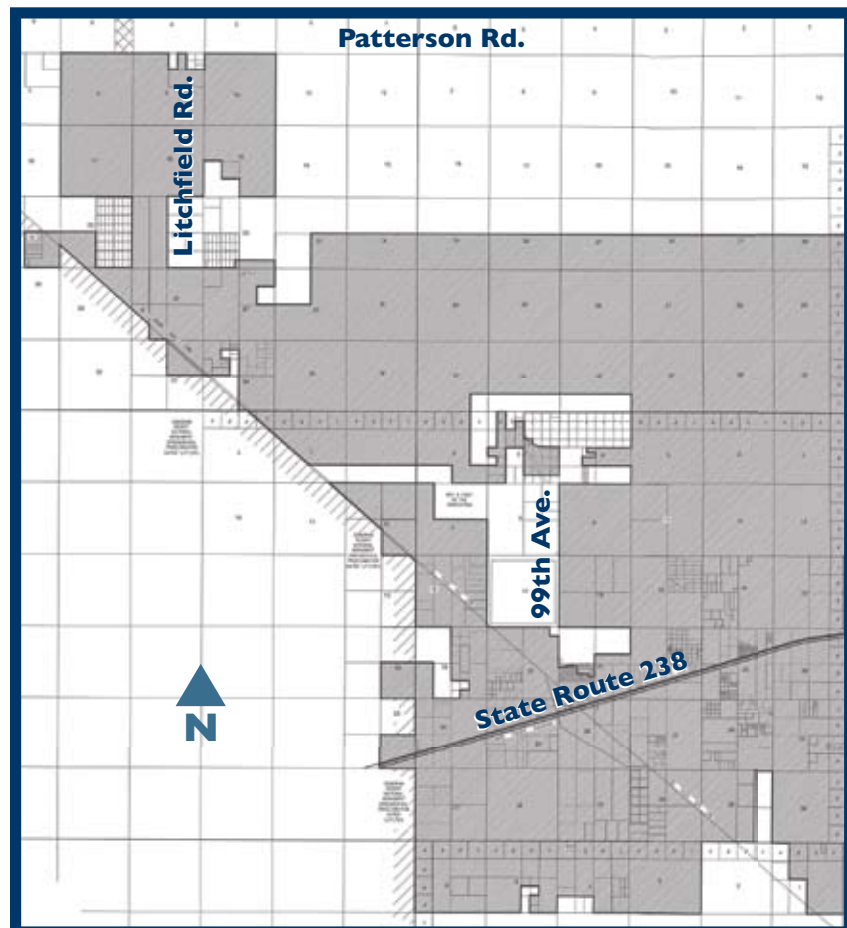
## Facts About the Annexation

The annexation was led by Montage Holdings which owns 25 percent of the land in the area and is developing it into the master planned Amaranth community. Fifty percent of the land belongs to the Bureau of Land Management and will be preserved as open space, 12 percent is state-owned land to be developed in the future, and 14 percent belongs to other private land owners.

Originally planned to be a 95-square-mile annexation, the size was reduced to remove property owners wishing to be excluded from the annexation boundaries and lands needing to be eliminated to avoid the creation of any County islands.

## Benefit of Annexation to Our Community

- Protects the City's borders by requiring that properties developing adjacent to the City's planning boundaries to comply with municipal building codes, zoning and subdivision regulations.
- Allows the City to maintain open space areas for public use and migratory paths for animals.
- Allows the City to effectively plan infrastructure requirements for future developments adjacent to the City's current Municipal Planning Area.
- Better positions Goodyear to provide for and protect a transportation corridor for the extension of the 303 Freeway south of Goodyear to a possible connection to Interstate 8. This eliminates the traditional method of purchasing right-of-way in future years.
- Results in developer funding of interim public safety and other municipal services until permanent services can be phased in based on available revenues.
- Provides for the construction of a two-lane roadway south of Estrella from Riggs Road to State Route 238 so that Goodyear residents will have vehicular ingress and egress south of the City's current corporate limits.
- Provides additional employment opportunities adjacent to State Route 238 and the expanding railroad tracks.
- Increases the City's future share of State taxes, such as motor vehicle fuel taxes as population increases in the annexed area.



# City Approves Sonoran Valley Annexation

## Agreement Determines How Interim Services Will be Paid For

The City's policy is that "growth pays its way," and the Development Agreement between the Sonoran Valley Management, L.L.C. and the City of Goodyear addressing service delivery adheres to that policy. In addition to developer-funded infrastructure required for this new development, the agreement provides for developer funding of maintenance and operational expenses for municipal services until the revenues generated in the Amaranth community exceeds City expenditures for two consecutive years, or seven years, whichever occurs first. This interim funding approach will serve as an incentive to the master developer to develop commercial and industrial uses in the initial years of development in order to create job opportunities in the area, and to generate revenues to fund municipal services. The agreement is for 30 years, with an option for two 10-year extensions.

## How Growth Will Pay for Growth

- Developer will fund the preparation of a development fee study and capital improvement plan which will serve as the basis for the City to adopt zonal development fees for the area.
- The developer will be responsible for the design, construction, and funding of a 15-mile, two-lane road from Riggs Road to State Route 238, completed within two to three years.
- The developer will be responsible for funding all aspects to design and construct a wastewater collection and disposal system. The water and wastewater systems will be "stand-alone" systems, not connected to the City's existing utility systems. The developer will pay for the maintenance and operation of the utility systems until the City accepts ownership and operational responsibility.
- The developer has agreed to fund and install all phases of a non-potable (effluent) water system to be used for public landscape maintenance to conserve water.
- A modular building will be provided by the developer for temporary office space for City staff or personnel contracted with the City to serve the new development until money is available for a permanent facility.
- Interim police services will be provided by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office and funded by the developer.
- The developer will provide for temporary infrastructure for two-way public safety radio and communications.
- The developer will fund the installation of a modular facility to house full-time EMT qualified firefighters for 24-hour fire and EMT coverage, and install one shade structure to cover a fire engine.
- The developer has agreed to install fire sprinkler systems in new residential structures until fire services reach Goodyear standards. 🌵



Desert boulevard

Paseo housing



Architectural style montage



# Safety Concerns Cause City to Ban Bikes from Skatepark



The safety of all users of Goodyear's skatepark and concern over potential high insurance liabilities, should riders seriously injure themselves in a park designed specifically for skateboards, were two primary reasons the Goodyear City Council voted on March 26th to prohibit bikes from the overwhelmingly popular Goodyear Community Park skatepark. Signs banning bikes went up the next day at the park.

Also contributing to the decision to prohibit bikes from the park were the excessive repair costs resulting from the extensive damage to the skatepark's coping. The damage was attributed mostly to the metal pegs on the bikes. Earlier attempts to get bikers to change from metal pegs to plastic had proven unsuccessful.

Besides prohibiting bikes, the City Council called for the hiring of staff to monitor park activities and urged staff to enforce the helmet rule while encouraging knee and elbow pads for skateboarders to help limit injuries. Council also told staff to look into more stringent penalties for illegal activities in the area of the skatepark. Council also expressed interest in building a separate park for the BMX bike users.

The decision was not an easy one for the Council who discussed many possible options to keep bikes at the park including increasing the height of the fence to stop illegal use of the park after hours, adding surveillance cameras, hiring park rangers, charging an entry fee, holding separate bike and skateboard sessions and closing the park earlier than usual.

Skatepark hours remain 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. 🌬

## Why City Ended Sanitation Furlough Program

When the new sanitation program was being designed, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee was created by Council to make recommendations. The committee consisted of seven residents from various subdivisions throughout the city. They looked at the administration and billing for the entire Sanitation program and, because of the administrative costs, recommended stopping the Furlough Program, which allowed a household to temporarily stop their trash collection.

The main costs of the program are the trucks going down the street and administrative (billing) costs. Those costs don't go down when someone goes on furlough; those costs are just transferred to someone else within the city.

If you are an average household in Goodyear, with 3.5 individuals per household, you produce five lbs. of garbage every day. If you are on furlough from an average household for six months of the year, in those six months you would have produced 912 lbs. of garbage. Of that 912 lbs., you should have been recycling 29% or 264 lbs., leaving 648 lbs. of trash. At a tipping fee (cost of disposal at the landfill) of \$30/ton, the direct cost of disposing your trash for those six months would be \$9.72. As you can see, the disposal is a very small part of the monthly rate. Furlough users are asking for a six month credit of \$129 because they are saving the City \$9.72. The administrative cost just for opening and closing accounts is significantly more than that.

Finally, the program was designed and bid so everyone would receive the lowest possible monthly rate. It is hard to design a program that will please everyone. The program was designed for 18,000 full time residential accounts in the city; not the 150 part time accounts. This decision was recommended by the resident advisory committee and approved by the City Council as being in the best interests of the entire city. Over the past seven years, participation in the Furlough Program had only averaged from 150 to 300 households per year. 🌬





# City Cracks Down on Non-Payment of Sanitation Service

Did you know it is a violation of the City's Property Maintenance Ordinance to occupy a residence without running water and sanitation facilities? An ordinance is a "law" of the City of Goodyear. If you are one of these violators, you will be considered in violation of the City Code and will be referred to Code Enforcement Division for further action which may involve a fine and potential court action if the code continues to be ignored.

When a household is two months in arrears on its sanitation bill, a "Discontinuation of Service" letter will be sent to that account giving them notice that the bill and an \$18 late fee must be paid within a specified time period or their sanitation service will be stopped. Stoppage of this service then puts the household in the position of violating the code described above. To reinstate the service, the household will have to pay the total bill.



This action is necessary, because it is not fair to those residents who pay for service to let those who don't, receive the service at no cost. In the areas of Goodyear where the City is the water provider, when someone is in arrears on their municipal bill (both trash and water), the City can turn off the water to the home to gain compliance with the law. However, in areas north of I-10 where the City does not control the water service, prior to our instituting the automated collection sanitation service, there had been no recourse for the non-paying household and it was harder to track which accounts were active and which were not.

Now, because every house **must** have two cans with serial numbers matching that address, we are able to easily track those households that are violating the ordinance. **We are also tracking those households that have never received containers to date and will turn them**

**over to Code Enforcement for action if non-compliance continues.** More than 2,500 households with non-active accounts already signed up for service when the automated system was first implemented. These 2,500 additional active accounts will bring in \$645,000 in revenue to the City in one year.

The Furlough Program, which was recently discontinued, was also a contributing factor to this non-payment problem, because many "snowbirds" living north of I-10 would stop their trash, but never start paying again when they returned and resumed using the service. Now residents who cancel their account will be responsible for the monthly sanitation fee until the containers are collected and returned to inventory. If a resident cancels their account and reestablishes it within 12 months, a service suspension fee of \$125 plus a \$50 activation fee will be charged to the account.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact the Finance Department at 623-932-3015. 🌧️

## Goodyear Centerpointe Groundbreaking



Breaking ground at the Goodyear Centerpointe Power Center located at PebbleCreek Parkway and McDowell Road.

Pictured from left to right: Luke Giovanardi, Laura Ortiz, Gregg Alpert and Mayor Jim Cavanaugh.



# Spring has Sprung! Spring Concert Series

Spring brings hot sounds and cool rhythms to Goodyear Community Park, located at 3151 N. Litchfield Rd. These free Friday night concerts start at 6:30 p.m. Please bring chairs or blankets. You can bring food and beverages (no glass please) or purchase from the concession stand.

## Sun City Concert Band – April 13, 2007

Be ready for an uplifting and nostalgic evening with the Sun City Concert Band. You can't get much more American than the marches of Sousa and the 19-century ballads of Stephen Foster.

## Rhythm Edition – April 20, 2007

You won't want to miss how the brass, percussion and strings come together for one of the best band sounds around. Rhythm Edition is a fast-paced, eight-piece band with two female singers and one male singer. This group has a wide repertoire and can gear the music to the audience. You'll be guaranteed to be dancing before the night is over.

## Grantman and the Island Beat – April 27, 2007

Close your eyes and listen to this hip group of five guys and you'll think you've been transported to the tropics! Grantman and the Island Beat brings you great music, great voices, and great costumes. The beat doesn't stop and neither does the fun. Pure reggae sound! 🌴

## Volunteers Needed for Events and City Positions

### Volunteer Open Houses

Learn more about the opportunities that await:

April 18, 7-8 p.m.  
Palm Valley  
Community Center  
14145 W. Palm  
Valley Blvd.

April 25, 10-11 a.m.  
PebbleCreek  
Tuscany  
Country Club  
Capri Room

Volunteers are a special and unique group of individuals. They share their time, talent and passions to make this a better place for everyone. Volunteers will work within the City reducing the cost of delivering services to its residents all while having fun and enjoying the new challenge! The City is looking for these special individuals to help City departments with the following positions:

### Communications

- Graphics Assistant
- Web Maintenance
- Writer

### Fire Department

- Auto CAD
- Audio/Visual Production
- CPR Instructors
- Educational Ambassadors

### Community Services

- Clerical Assistant
- G.A.I.N. Event
- Graffiti Control Program
- Make A Difference
- Receptionist
- Volunteer Data Entry

### Courts

- Victim's Advocate
- Administrative Assistant

### Information Technologies

- Administrative Assistant
- Networking Technician

### Economic Development

- Administrative Assistant

### Engineering

- Scanning
- Filing
- Public Meetings

### Water Resources

- Educational Ambassadors

### Parks and Recreation

- Senior Programs
- Special Events Volunteer Coordinator
- Special Events Activity Coordinator
- Volunteers are needed for these special events:  
*Star Spangled 4th of July*  
*Howling Halloween*  
*Holly Jolly Festival*

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for events or any other position in the City, please call 623-882-7807. 🌴



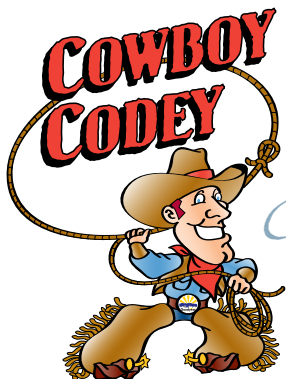


## Time to Swim

The Goodyear Pool will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 12 to 6 p.m. beginning May 5 and from 12 to 8 p.m. beginning May 26. Starting May 29, the pool will be open Monday through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from 12 to 8 p.m.

Swim Team and Dive Team registration begins April 16. Swim lesson registration begins May 21. Online registration is available at our website, [www.goodyearaz.gov/rec](http://www.goodyearaz.gov/rec).

The Goodyear Pool is at 430 E. Loma Linda Blvd. For more information about lessons, teams, events and rentals, call 623-882-7532 or visit [www.goodyearaz.gov/rec](http://www.goodyearaz.gov/rec).



*Cowboy Codey Sez:*

### Here are the Signs of a Good Neighbor

When the weather is nice, we all like to get out and have yard sales. Goodyear City Code allows you to have a yard or garage sale four times in one year. If you want to put up signs for your yard sale, please remember these requirements:

- Sale signs shall not exceed six square feet.
- Such signs shall not be up longer than three days.
- Signs may not be located upon City sidewalks or within the public rights-of-way (signs that do not comply will be confiscated by the City).
- Signs may be placed in the permitted areas only between sunrise and sunset.
- Cardboard boxes are trash, not signs, and will be removed.
- Signs must be removed daily prior to sunset or they will be confiscated by the City.

Please be conscientious and obey the City Codes regarding yard sale signs.

Council meetings and work sessions are held in the Goodyear Justice Facility, 986 S. Litchfield Rd. unless indicated otherwise.

## Save Water on Your Landscape

Summer is coming! The long, hot, dry conditions can test the endurance of many plants. Not to worry, though. There are some simple and inexpensive ways to prepare your landscape now for summer's sizzle – and make sure your plants don't fizzle. With proper care and watering, you can keep your landscape healthy and looking beautiful all year long.

### Check Irrigation Systems

Replace clogged drip emitters and repair leaks.

### Mulch Plant Roots

It improves soil, reduces moisture loss and keeps roots cool during summer months.

### Remove Weeds

They compete with plants for water.

### Prune Sparingly

Branches keep plants shaded and cooler in the heat. Shade helps to conserve water.



### Jobs with the City of Goodyear

Visit the City of Goodyear website at [www.goodyearaz.gov](http://www.goodyearaz.gov) or call the City's 24-hour hotline, 623-932-1716, for listings. The Human Resources Office is located at City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd. Phone: 623-882-7765 or 623-882-7762. TTY: 623-932-6500. EEO/M/F/V/H/D. Goodyear accepts applications only for open positions.

### HOA 101 Class Offered

On April 14th, homeowners association board members and neighborhood leaders will be provided an overview of the responsibilities and challenges associated with running a homeowners association. This valuable class will be from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Estrella Mountain Community College. The cost is \$29 per student including lunch. To register, call 623-935-8888.

## Goodyear City Council Calendar



Joanne Osborne, Brenda Holland, Vice Mayor Frank Cavalier, Mayor Jim Cavanaugh, Dick Sousa, Rob Antoniak and Georgia Lord

Monday, April 23, 2007  
Work Session - 5 p.m.  
Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.

Monday, April 30, 2007  
Work Session - 5 p.m.

Monday, May 7, 2007  
Work Session - 5 p.m.

Monday, May 14, 2007  
Work Session - 5 p.m.  
Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.

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Evolving from the work of an Image Committee made up of 11 citizens who held public meetings to find out what residents wanted Goodyear to be, Goodyear's new slogan – **Feel the Connection** – is being used to depict Goodyear in advertising, in publications and on our website. To illustrate our "Feel the Connection" campaign, we have created several ads that depict Goodyear and its residents in different ways. We feature one of the ads in each edition of **Goodyear INFOCUS**.



## Van Buren Street Reconstruction

Construction is under way for the widening of Van Buren Street, between Litchfield Road and Estrella Parkway. Anticipated to be complete by November 2007, this project will widen Van Buren Street from its current two lanes to five lanes from Litchfield Road to Estrella Parkway. The improvements will also include the installation of raised medians, a bicycle lane in each direction, new street lights, a bridge over Bullard Wash, and a new storm drain system.



Paving has been installed along the south side of Van Buren Street and traffic will soon be diverted onto the paved roadway. Driveways and storm drain inlets are also being constructed along the south side of the road. Construction of the north side of Van Buren Street has also begun.

Construction continues on the bridge at Bullard Wash, between Centerra and Skyway Church. Some of the bridge columns have been constructed and construction of the abutment walls and deck, with aesthetic surfaces, are in progress.

Access to adjoining businesses and residential areas will be maintained throughout the duration of this project. The City is making every effort to provide safe access routes and minimize traffic impacts for our residents and visitors. Please observe all traffic signs and reduced speed limits and take extra precaution with construction personnel and equipment.

For additional information regarding this project, please contact Al Gonzales, Project Manager, at 623-882-7924 or Raul Varela, Engineering Director, at 623-882-7099. 🏗️



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